Act 10
End Of The Dream

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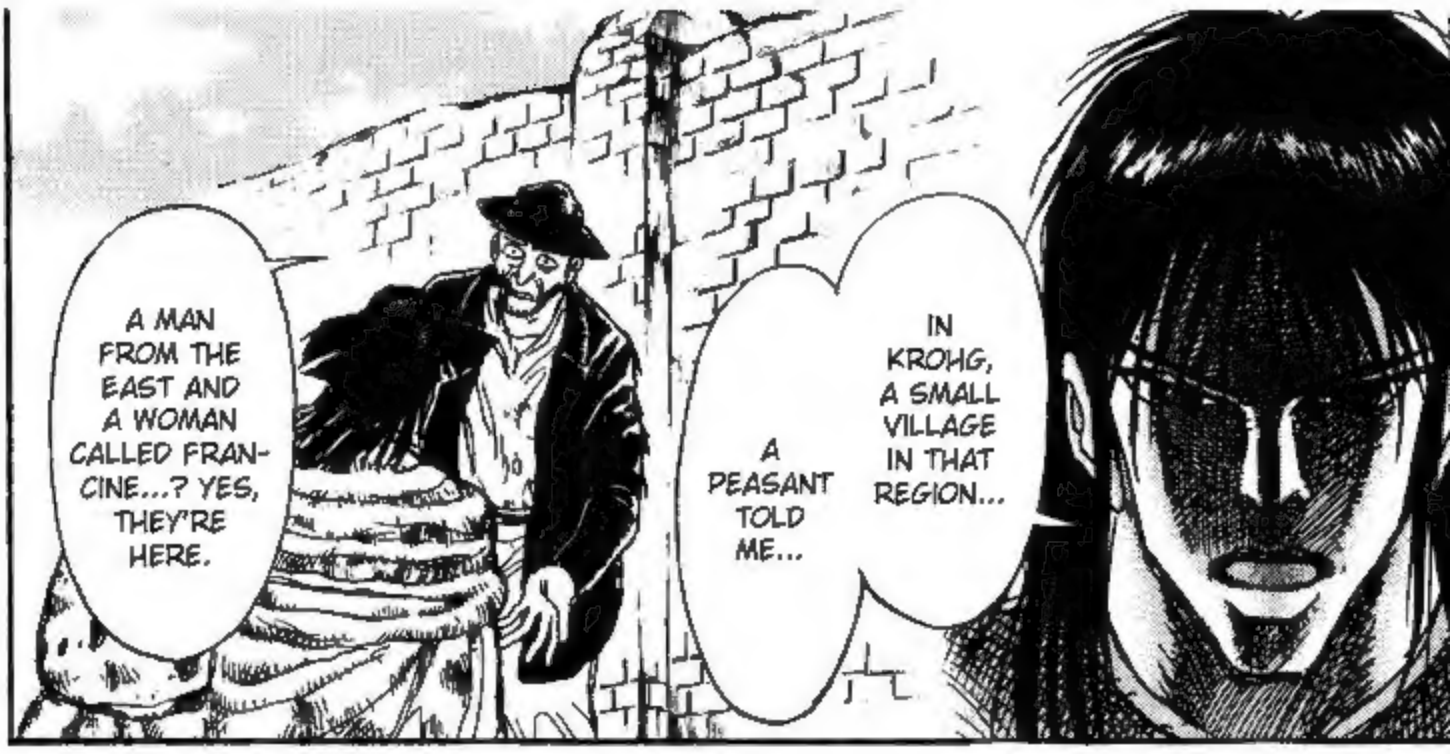
THE MEMORIES OF YIN, THE HERO OF OUR STORY... LET'S LISTEN TO WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.
WANG... THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES PAST OUR UNDERSTANDING, MING-HAI HAS INHERITED ...
M-MING-HAI... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
IN A REGION OF FRANCE CALLED QUIBERON ...


IN KROHG, A SMALL VILLAGE IN THAT REGION...
A PEASANT TOLD ME...
A MAN FROM THE EAST AND A WOMAN CALLED FRANCINE...? YES, THEY'RE HERE.

THEY WANDERED HERE ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO...
AND SETTLED DOWN IN THAT OLD MANSION.

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THE PEASANT'S VOICE.
I DIDN'T HEAR...
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AND BESIDES ... THAT WOMAN IS ...

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IT'S DANGEROUS ...
AH, SIR!

JIN... MY BROTHER.
I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU ...
YOU STOLE FRANCINE FROM ME AND DISAPPEARED ...
ON THAT DAY NINE YEARS AGO ...
I'VE CAUGHT YOU!
I HEARD NOTHING AT ALL.
YOU WILL DISCOVER THE EXTENT OF MY RAGE!!
AND NOW ...

MY NINE YEAR JOURNEY HAD TRANSFORMED ME INTO A BEAST.
THERE WAS RAGE... AND MY DESIRE FOR VENGEANCE AGAINST JIN. THAT WAS IT.
ANY THOUGHTS OF OTHERS HAD VANISHED...
AT THAT MOMENT I WAS THINKING NEITHER OF MY BROTHER... NOR OF FRANCINE.

I'M GONNA KILL YOU!!
JIN...
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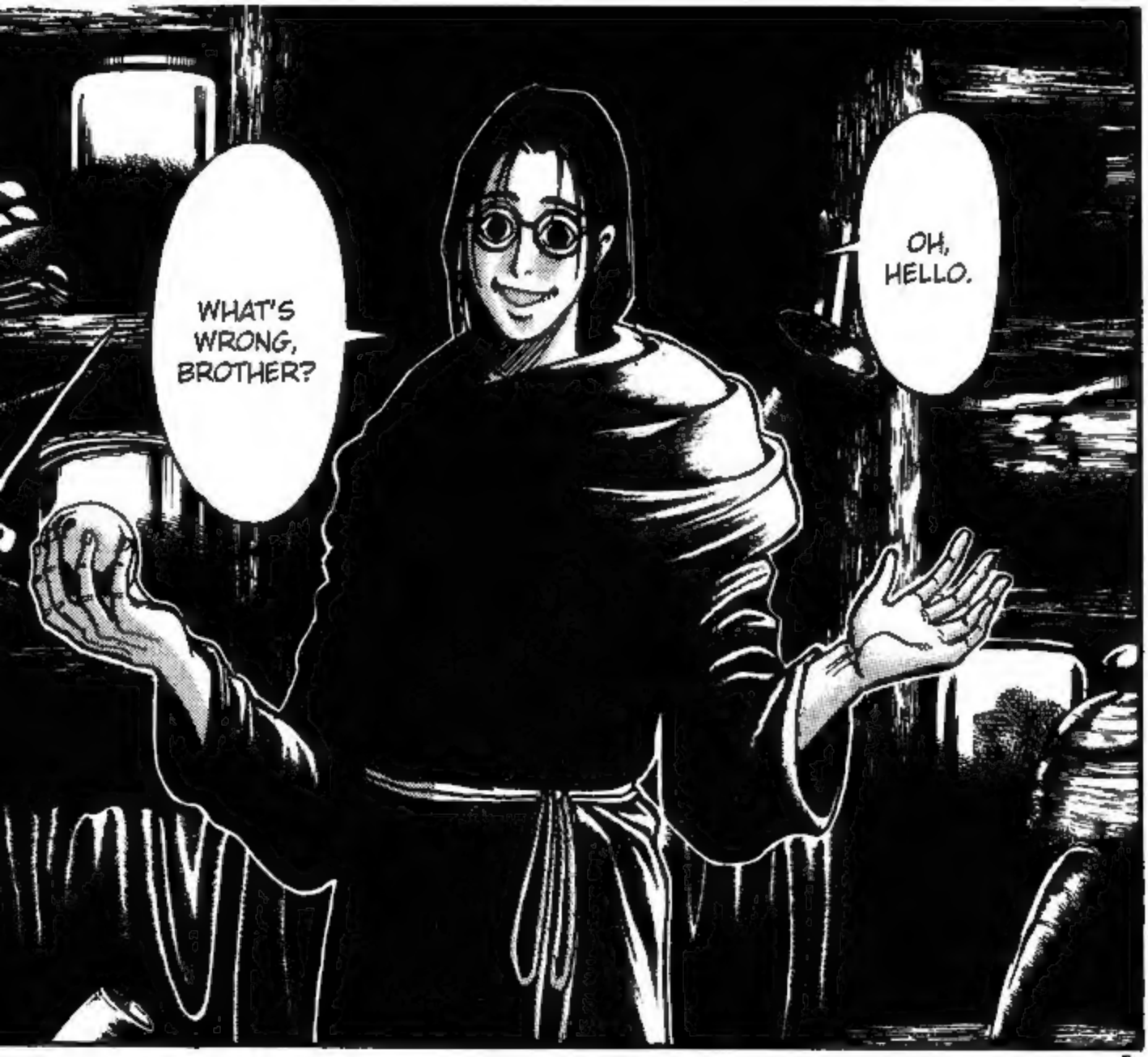
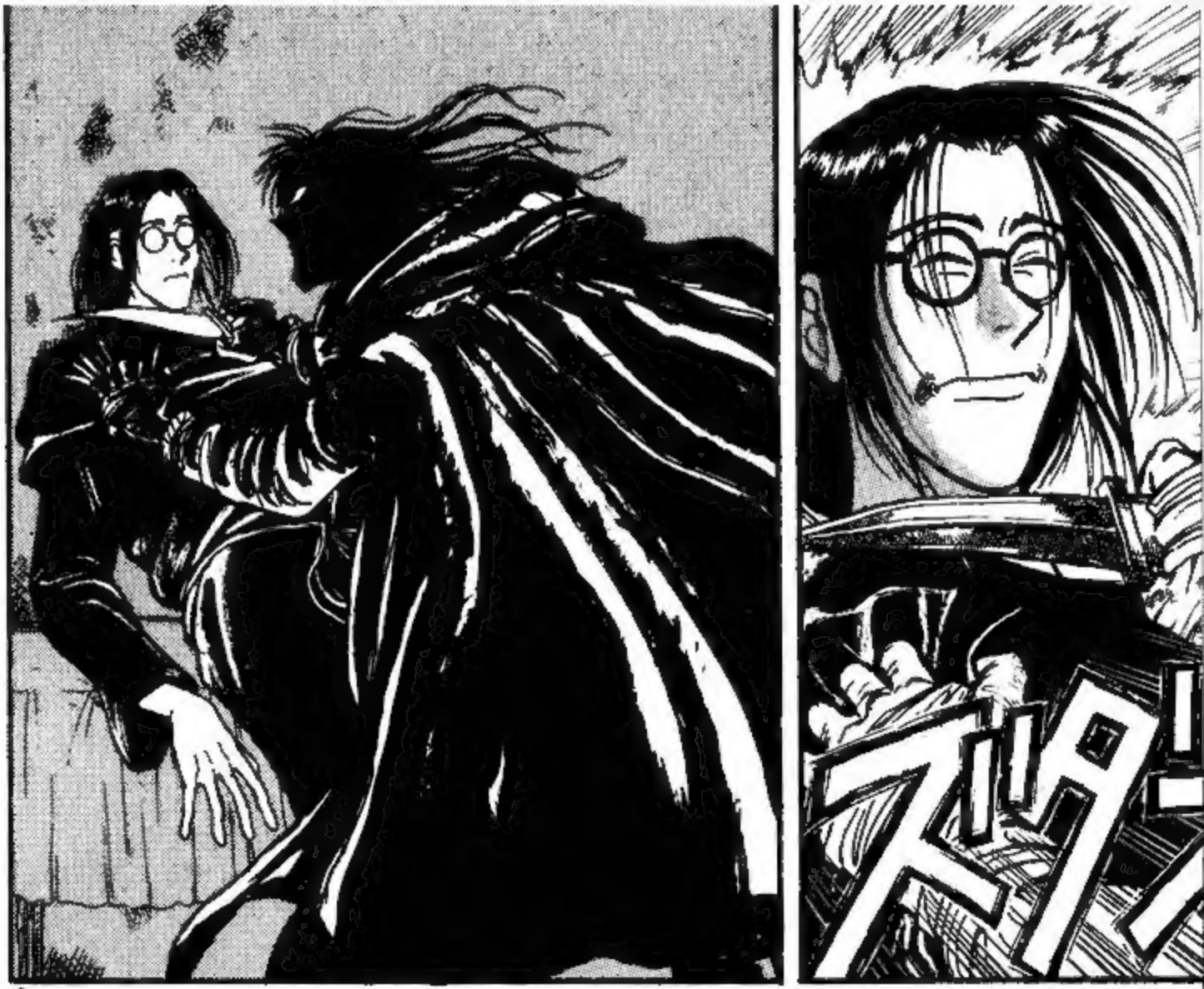
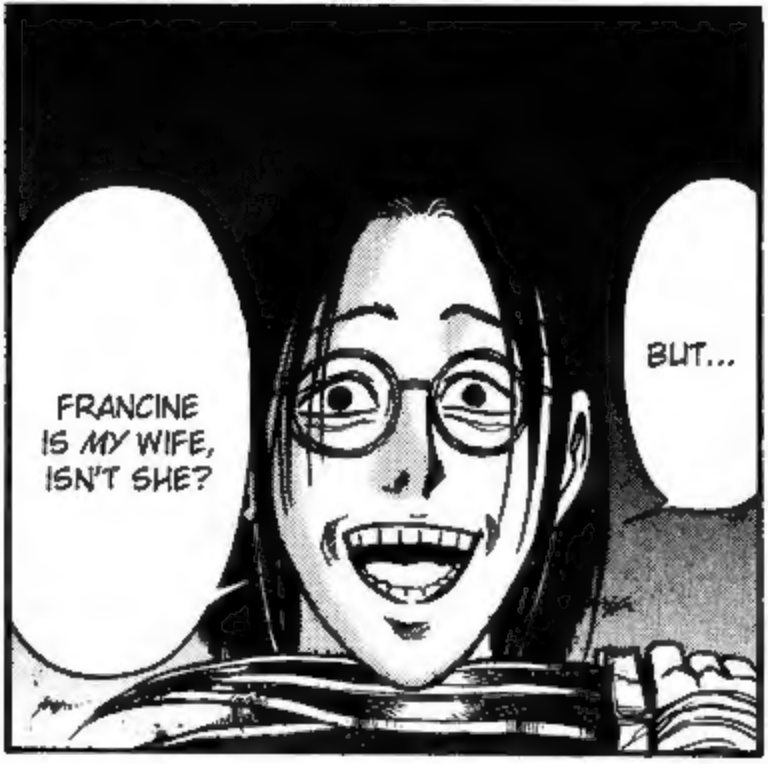
JIN ...!!


WHAT'S WRONG, BROTHER?
OH, HELLO.



I'VE SEARCHED FOR NINE YEARS SO I COULD MAKE YOU PAY!
YOU! YOU STOLE MY WIFE FRANCINE AND RAN!
YOU'RE HURTING ME, BROTHER. WHAT'S MADE YOU SO ANGRY?
"WHAT'S WRONG" ...?
WHAT'S WRONG ...?!


FRANCINE IS MY WIFE, ISN'T SHE?
BUT...

SO DON'T WORRY, BROTHER. EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT.
I'VE FORGIVEN FRANCINE.

BUT, YOU KNOW, MARRIED COUPLES HAVE TO FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER FOR ALL KINDS OF THINGS, DON'T THEY?
FUFU... IT'S NOT THAT I'VE NEVER WONDERED WHAT MY WIFE MIGHT HAVE DONE BEFORE OUR MARRIAGE ...

BRO-THER ...
HEH HEH HEH HEH HEH ...

HEH HEH HEH ...
J-JIN... YOU ASSHOLE ...

JIN ...
I WAS THERE, BRO-THER.
YOU *SAID* YOU WEREN'T INTERESTED ...!
BUT IN THE END YOU TOOK HERRR...!
WHYYY...? WHY DID YOU BETRAY ME?
FRANCINE WAS *MINE*, WASN'T SHE?

I WAS IN THE CHURCH THAT DAY ...!

THE DE-MON IN ME VANI-SHED.
AT THOSE WORDS...

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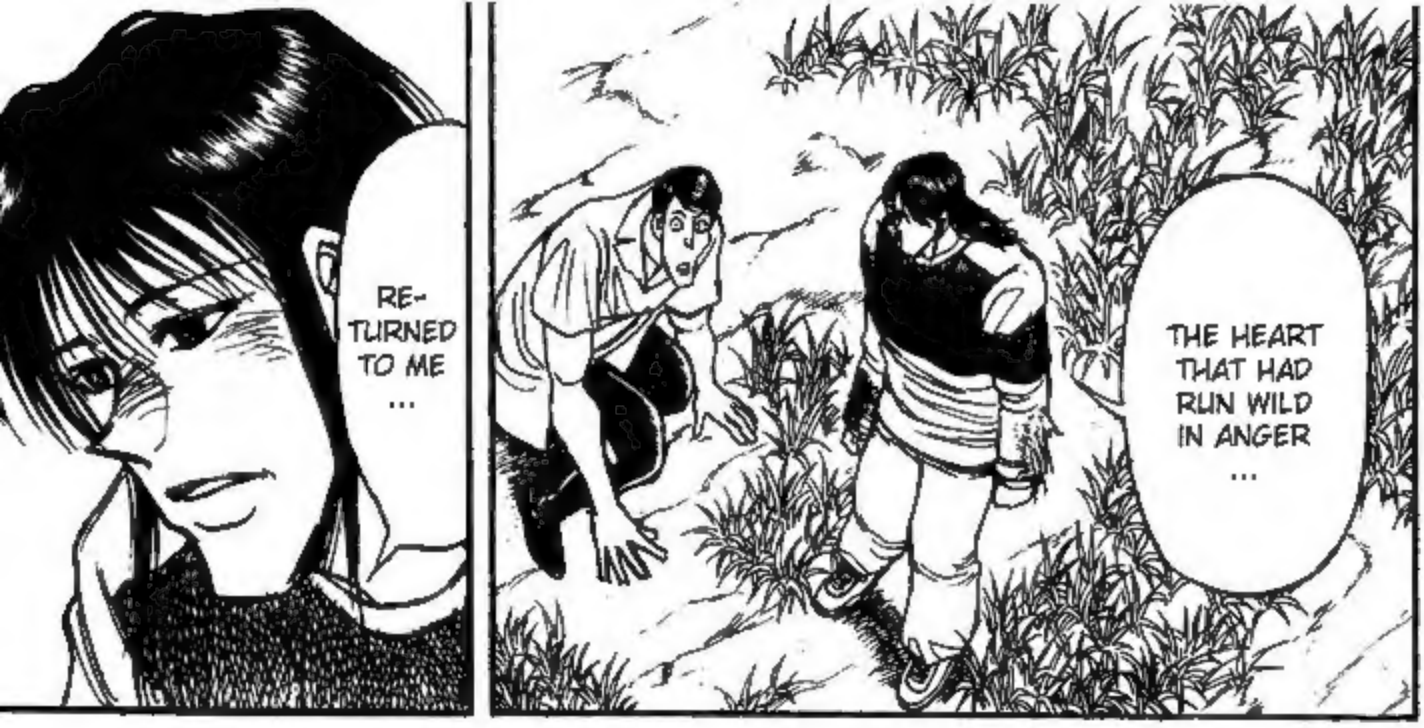
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THE HEART
THAT HAD
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I DID
BETRAY
YOU...
JIN...
I...
BUT...

FWEHEHE, I
SURPRISED
YOU.
THAT'S
OKAY,
BROTHER.

SO LOUD THAT IT WAS ALMOST A SHRIEK ...
AS I WATCHED JIN LAUGH ...
AHAHAHA! I SURPRISED YOU!
SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED TO JIN AS WELL OVER THE PAST NINE YEARS.
JUST AS THE LONG JOURNEY HAD TWISTED MY HEART WITH HATRED ...
NO LONGER THE PERSON HE USED TO BE.
I FINALLY UNDERSTOOD. JIN WAS ...
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO FRANCINE?!
JIN ...
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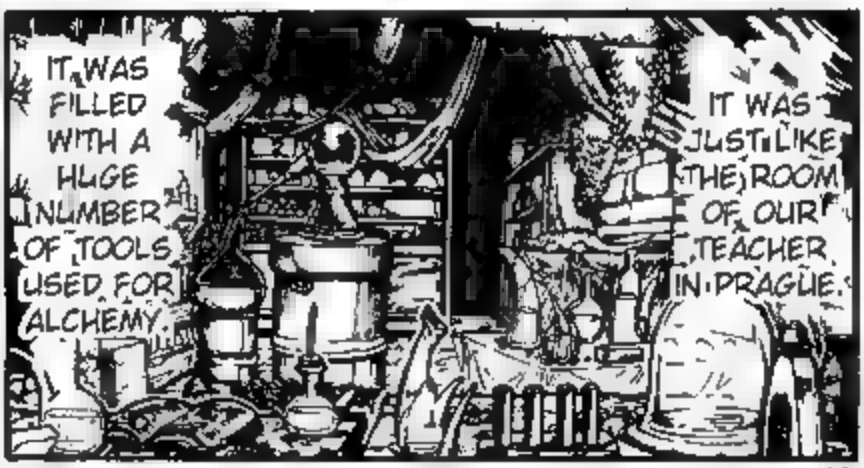
WHERE IS SHE, JIN?!
I'VE BEEN STUDYING ALCHEMY HERE, TOO!
THAT'S RIGHT, BROTHER. LOOK AT THIS!

IT WAS AS HE SAID.
AND I HAVE AN ATHANOR TOO.
LOOK, HERE'S A PHILOSOPHER'S EGG.

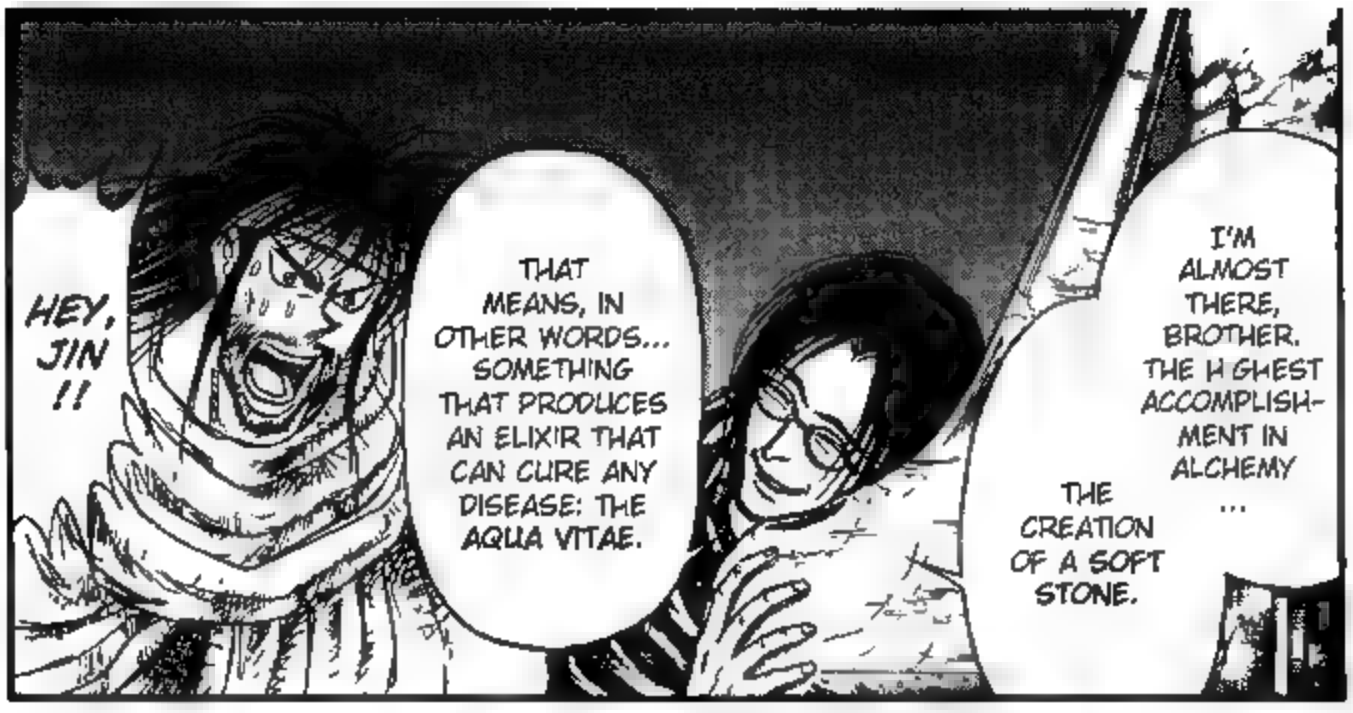
JIN! ARE YOU LISTENING?!


IT WAS FILLED WITH A HUGE NUMBER OF TOOLS USED FOR ALCHEMY.
IT WAS JUST LIKE THE ROOM OF OUR TEACHER IN PRAGUE.

F-FIX ...?

IS FRANCINE SICK?!

I'M GOING ... TO FIX FRANCINE.
I'M TELLING YOU, BROTHER.
I'M MAKING MEDICINE.


HEY, JIN !!
THAT MEANS, IN OTHER WORDS... SOMETHING THAT PRODUCES AN ELIXIR THAT CAN CURE ANY DISEASE: THE AQUA VITAE.
I'M ALMOST THERE, BROTHER. THE HIGHEST ACCOMPLISHMENT IN ALCHEMY ... THE CREATION OF A SOFT STONE.

"OUT OF"...? IS SHE LOCKED UP SOMEWHERE?!
I'LL BE ABLE TO GET HER OUT OF THERE.
AND SO, BY THE TIME OF THE NEXT CARNIVAL... THE ONE SHE LOVES SO MUCH...

IT'S ALL RIGHT, BROTHER.
WHERE IS SHE?! WHERE'S FRANCINE ?!

DISEASES ARE SCARY. IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING INFECTIOUS, YOU HAVE TO BE QUARANTINED ...
THAT'S RIGHT ...

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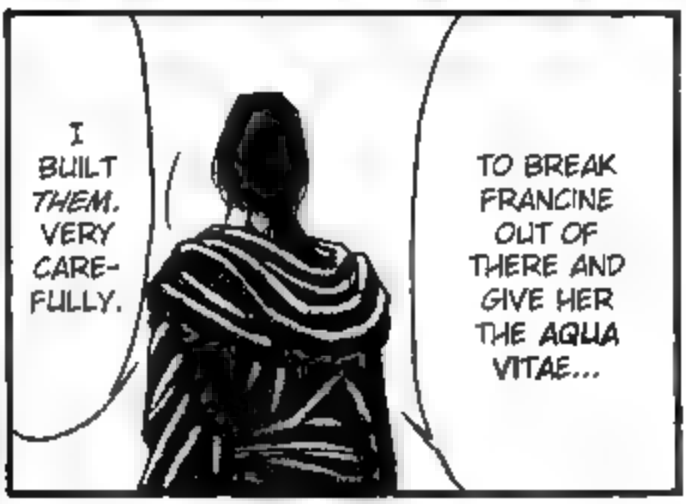
ISN'T THAT RIGHT, LITTLE ONES?
WHAT?


I BUILT *THEM.* VERY CAREFULLY.
TO BREAK FRANCINE OUT OF THERE AND GIVE HER THE AQUA VITAE...

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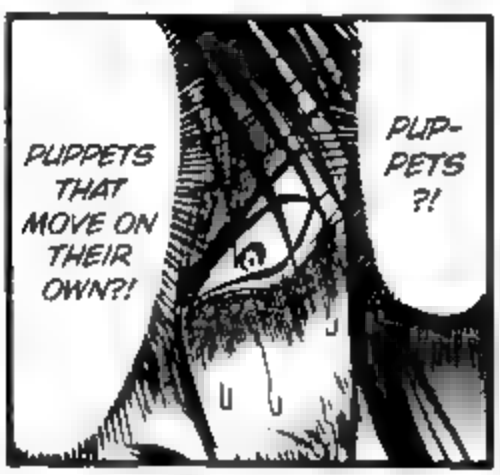
OF COURSE, THEY'RE NOT FINISHED YET.
WHAT'S WRONG? THIS WAS OUR DREAM, WASN'T IT?


PUPPETS THAT MOVE ON THEIR OWN?!
PUP-PETS ?!

GAH!

GEH!
WELL, BRO-THER -?

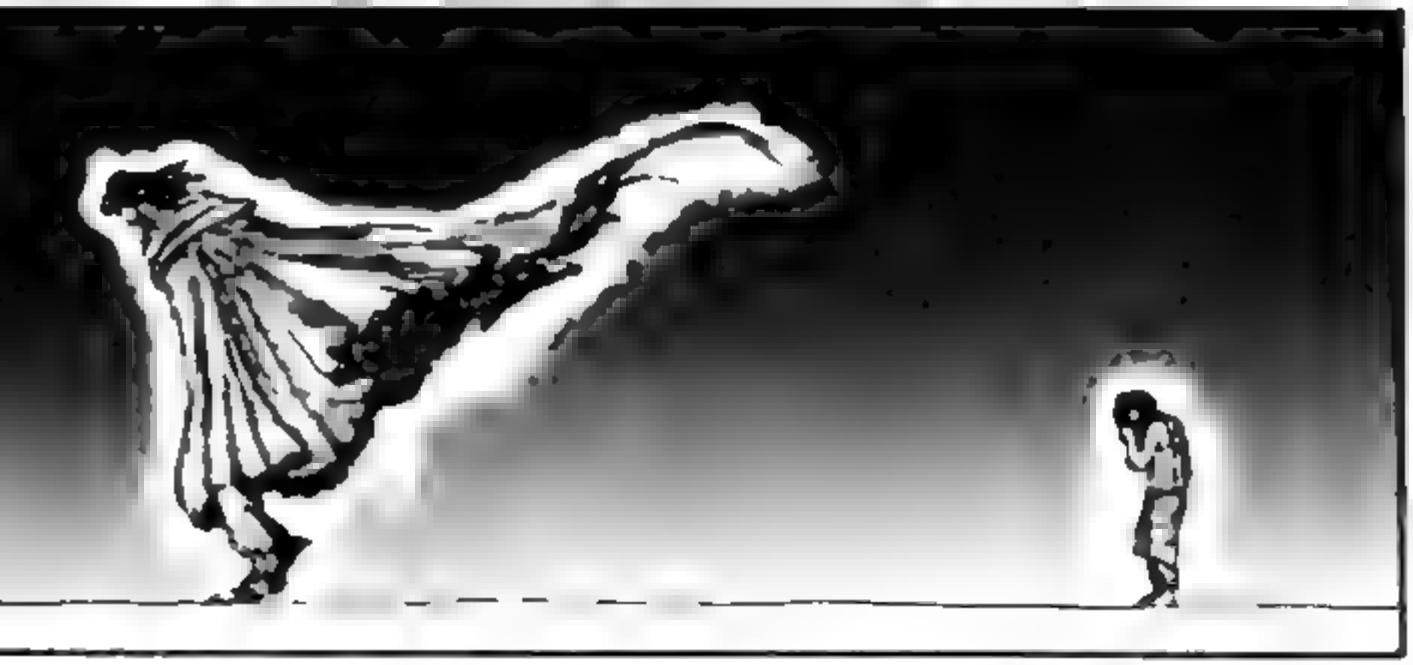
WHERE FRANCINE IS.
TELL ME...
JIN... I'M BEGGING YOU.

THE VILLAGERS PUT HER THERE... DAMN IT...
...SHE'S JUST OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE... IN A RUNDOWN OLD SHACK...

PLEASE ... JIN!

BRO-THERRR ...

WHY DID YOU BETRAY ME?
WHYYY ...?



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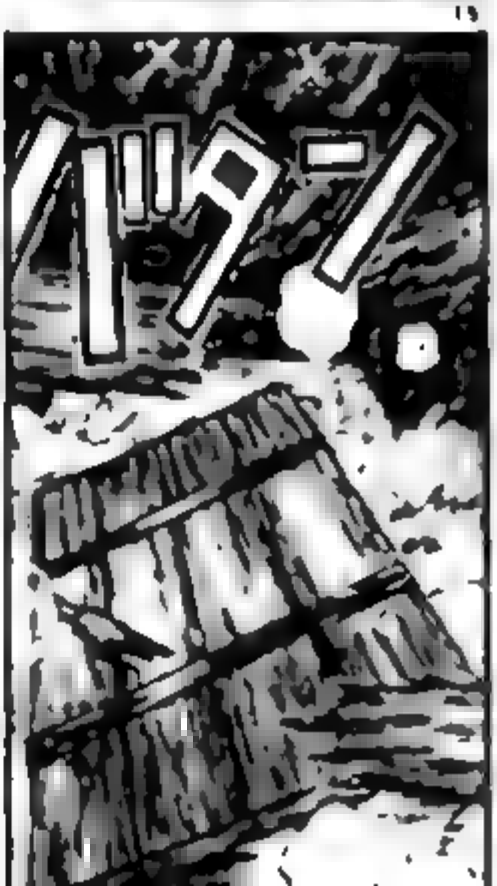
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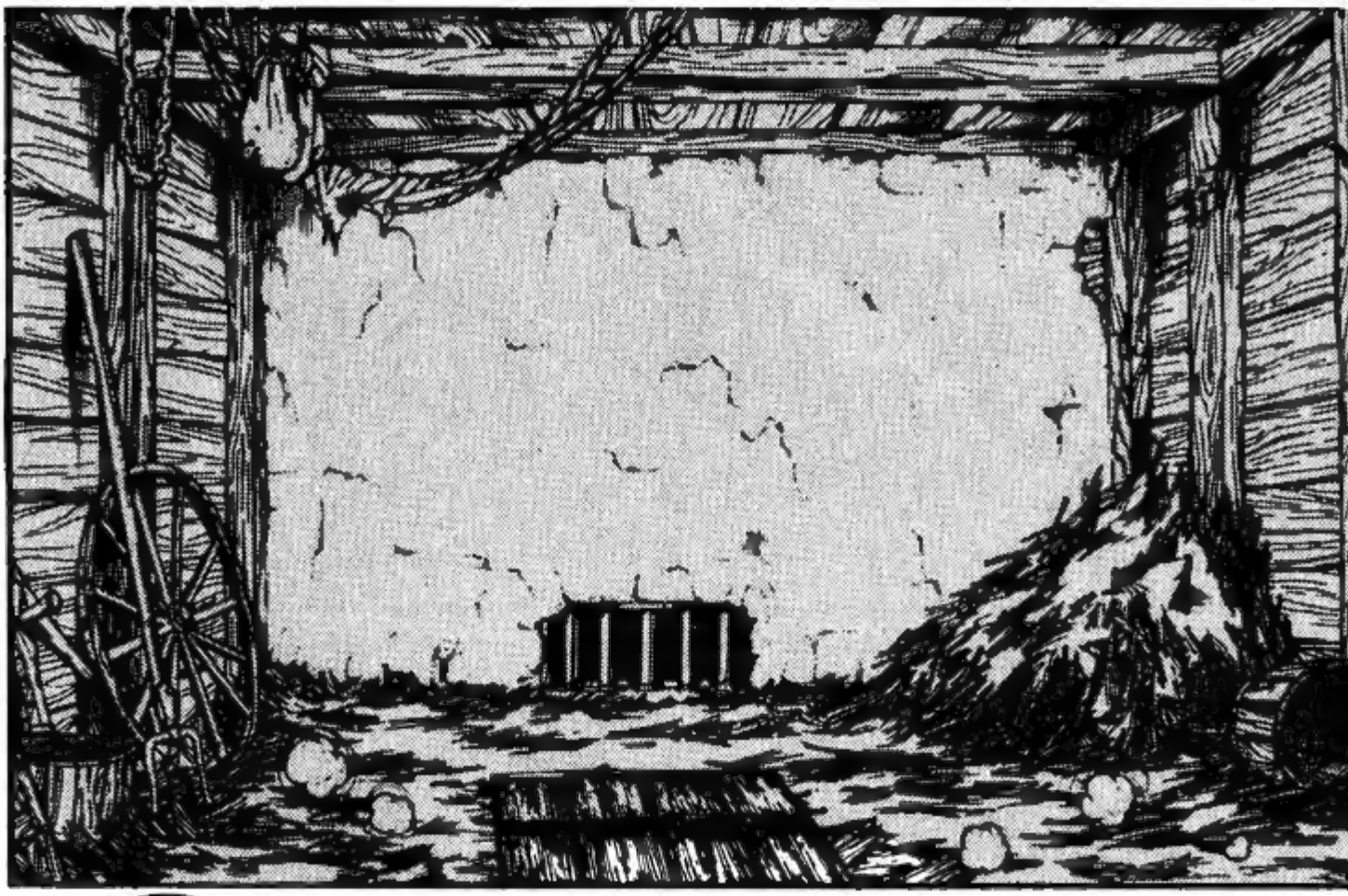
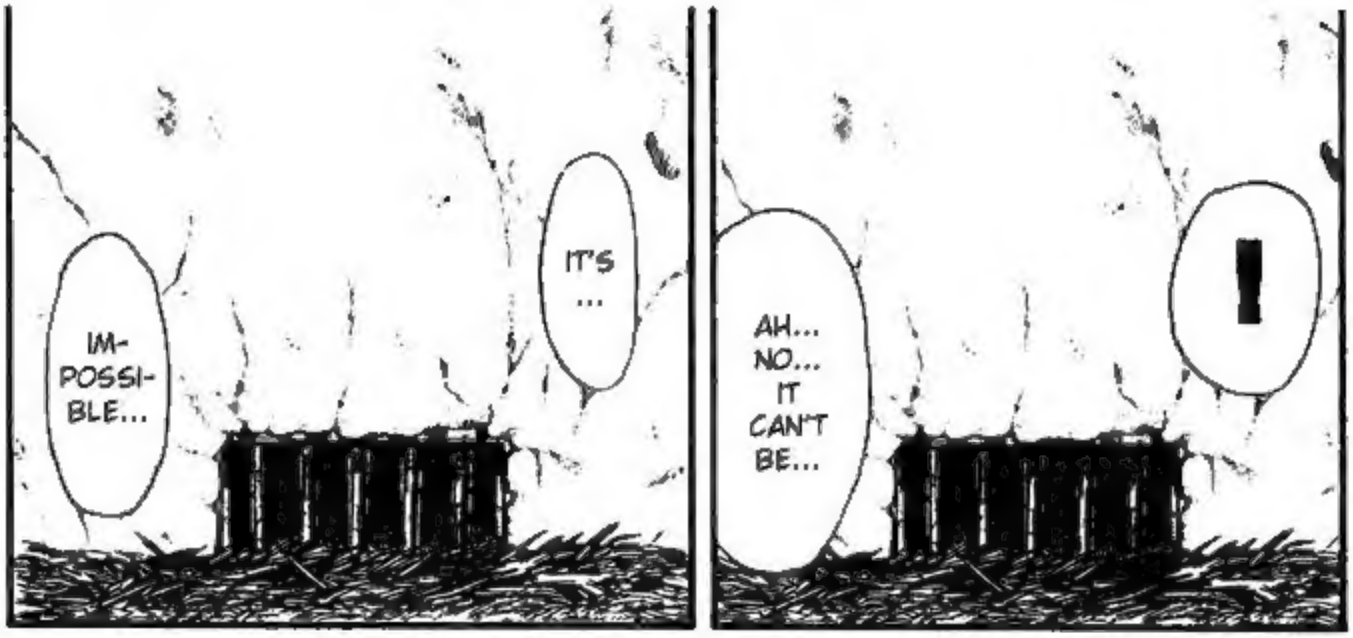


...EXCUSE ME... WHOEVER YOU ARE...

TURN AROUND ...
YOU SHOULDN'T GET ANY CLOSER.

F... FRAN- CINE...

AND THEN GO WASH YOUR HANDS AND RINSE YOUR MOUTH... PLEASE...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IT'S
YIN!!
FRAN-
CINE,
IT'S
ME!

YI...
YIN...
AH...

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WAIT THERE, I'LL GET YOU OUT IN A MOMENT ...
I'M NOT AN ILLU-SION!
I'VE SEARCHED AND SEARCHED, AND I'VE FINALLY FOUND YOU!

AN... ILLU-SION?
NO... IT'S ALL RIGHT. EVEN IF YOU'RE AN ILLU-SION...
PLEASE DON'T DISAP-PEAR ...

THIS IS FARE-WELL.
THIS IS IT.
BUT ...

THANK YOU, O LORD...
FOR GRANTING MY FINAL WISH.

AHAHA... I SAW MASTER YIN AGAIN ...!

FRAN-CINE, WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ?!
"FINAL" ...?

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